

An Taisce Report – IBAL Anti-Litter League, Round 2, 2018

Dun Laoghaire: Overall 2018 result: 28th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms

Some of the top ranking sites in Dun Laoghaire included George's Street Upper, Ferry Terminal / Dun Laoghaire Harbour and DLR Lexicon – the latter was exceptionally fresh and pristine. All approach roads were also top ranking. There was some improvement at Brock Lane, though litter was still present. Car Park at Eblana Avenue remains a poor site, not just due to conventional litter - a dead pigeon, broken glass, slates and bollard faced any users of this car park.

Ferry Terminal / Dun Laoghaire Harbour Environs: Grade A. The built environment presented well and clearly a careful eye is kept on this area as many of the buildings were vacant / semi occupied. Seating, visitor information signage, planting, paving and bollards were in very good condition. It was spotless throughout.

Car Park at Eblana Avenue: Grade C. A dead pigeon, with flies buzzing around, very much set the tone for this site. Broken slates, glass and bollard were also part of the landscape. A wide variety of food related items were strewn about with the area behind the industrial bins particularly bad. Cigarette butts and weeds were very pronounced, along with graffiti. All signage relating to the car park payments was in very good condition – somebody is clearly claiming 'ownership' of this car park and getting an income from same.

George's Street Upper: Grade A. This long stretch of shopping street from junction with Marine Road to People's Park scored well with regard to litter. The pavement and cobbled street surface directly outside Dun Laoghaire Shopping centre were in very good condition. There were certainly some 'vacant' premises but they didn't impact negatively on the litter situation. Graffiti did feature at some of these premises.

Brock Lane: Grade B. There was a definite litter presence along Brock Lane, mostly alcohol cans, plastic bottles, food wrappers and cigarette butts. However, level was not as bad as IBAL Survey 1, 2018. There were many incidents of graffiti throughout this short laneway.

Glenageary Road, Lower: Grade A. There was a virtual absence of litter along this stretch of road between Corrig Road and the People's Park. However, graffiti was very much part of the landscape. The road surface, signage and markings were in good condition.

Dun Leary Hill approach: Grade A. All was in good order along this route to Dun Laoghaire from Monkstown. A fresh, clean and tidy impression was created travelling by some terraced houses and business premises.

Clarinda Park: Grade C+. The area of Clarinda Park which was surveyed was the large square and tennis court area at the centre of the surrounding houses. Much of the area presented well with paving and grass in good order. There were occasional litter items in the park but it was the area at the base of large horse chestnut tree which brought down the overall litter grade – a number of items had been discarded – a duvet, paint containers, black sacks of rubbish, umbrella etc. All signage relating to keeping dogs on lead / parking etc. was in good condition.

DLR Lexicon and Environs: Grade A. An excellent site, in every aspect of presentation and litter. Flower beds, bicycle parking, pathways, stairwells etc. were pristine throughout.

Eden Park Recycle Facility: Grade B+. There was plenty of signage relating to the usage at this 'managed' facility. Overall, the facility presented well, but it was impossible to ignore a corner site between the orange clothing units and the can unit (beside q plaque) which had some litter.

R118 Link road from Ballsbridge: Grade A. The overall impression created along this road was a very positive one. Road surface, signage and markings were in good order and there wasn't a visible litter presence.